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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Applicant : Keiko Matsubara, et al.
Application No. : 09/672,287
Filed : September 28, 2000
Title : NEGATIVE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM BATTERY, ELECTRODE FOR RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM BATTERY, RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM BATTERY AND METHOD OF PREPARING NEGATIVE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY

Grp./Div. : 1745
Examiner : Dah Wei D Yuan

Docket No. : 40589/DBP/Y35

Commissioner for Patents
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May 17, 2004

Commissioner:

Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----|
| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Paid For | Number Extra Claims | Small Entity Rate | Large Entity Rate | FEE |
| Total Claims Fee | 8 | *20 | 0 | 0 x \$9.00 | 0 x \$18.00 | 0 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | ** 3 | 0 | 0 x \$43.00 | 0 x \$86.00 | 0 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims *** | | | | \$145.00 | \$290.00 | 0 |
| TOTAL FILING FEE | | | | | | 0 |
| NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED **** | | | | | | 0 |
| LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 9 | | | | | | |

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X Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.
A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.
Other enclosures:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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